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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Carpentier, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3738

Application No.: 10/729,035

Examiner: Hieu Phan

Filing Date: December 5, 2003

For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED
CONNECTING BAND

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 8, 2004, and subsequent to a telephonic interview on February 28, 2005 between the Examiner and the undersigned, please see the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

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